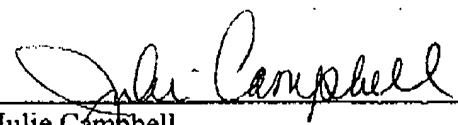


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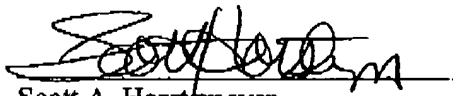
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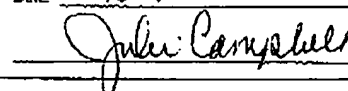
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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.183 filed on August 1, 2005. A decision dismissing the foregoing Petition was mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on November 18, 2005. The Petition was dismissed as untimely under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(f). The USPTO contends that the Petitioner had not exercised adequate diligence and did not adequately show why five years had elapsed between the dismissal of the prior Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(d) and the filing of the August 1, 2005 Petition.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with these findings and requests that the USPTO reconsider waiver of the timeliness requirement in this particular case and that, in the interests of fairness to the Applicant, the merits of the August 1, 2005, Petition be considered. The Applicant is the real victim in this case and the USPTO has the discretion to provide an adequate remedy. The Declarations filed with the August 1, 2005, Petition support the following summary of facts.

Applicant's first patent attorney, John Sigalos *timely filed* Petitions on March 31, 1997 and June 10, 1998 to correct errors in the dates assigned to Applicant's filing of a provisional application on February 17, 1997, and of a non-provisional application on February 17, 1998. However, when Mr. Sigalos received the Decision on the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(d) mailed on May 31, 2000 (which requested documentation of one of his assertions of underlying

facts), he was in a diminished mental state due to the fact that his daughter had recently died in April 2000. While in this depleted mental state, he placed the decision in a file and forgot about it.

Applicant's second patent attorney, Mr. Andrew Hassell was engaged as lead patent counsel shortly after Mr. Sigalos' daughter died. Applicant informed Mr. Hassell that a question had previously arisen regarding the effective filing date to which the non-provisional application was entitled, but unbeknown to Applicant, Mr. Hassell was informed by Mr. Sigalos that, since Mr. Sigalos was personally involved in affecting timely filing so as to obtain the benefit of the filing date of the provisional application, Mr. Sigalos would attend to such matter. Accordingly, Mr. Hassell directed his attention to other matters that were involved in the prosecution and appeal of the non-provisional application.


The application was dormant for a long period of time while the claims were being appealed. It was therefore only in June 2005, after the Applicant prevailed on such appeal of all claims and consequently reviewed the file, that Applicant and his patent attorneys became aware of the fact that a Request for Reconsideration of the May 31, 2000 Decision had not been filed with the USPTO.

Upon determining this information, Applicant and his patent attorneys exercised diligence and filed the most recent Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.183 on August 1, 2005, which is within a few weeks after realizing that the Request for Reconsideration had not been filed. Applicant hired his third lead patent attorney, *i.e.*, the undersigned Scott Horstemeyer, to prepare and file this most recent Petition.

Although now documented in considerably more detail, it is worth noting that the contentions respecting the errors made in properly recording the dates of the provisional and non-provisional applications are unchanged from those that were *timely made* by Applicant on March 31, 1997 and June 10, 1998, respectively. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the USPTO waive the timeliness requirement and consider the merits of the August 1, 2005, Petition.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Request for Reconsideration. If, however, any additional fee is required, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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